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**CURRENT NEWS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008**

**Sexual Assaults At Military Academies** (*New York Times*)...Associated Press

The Pentagon believes only about 10 percent of sexual assaults are being reported at the nation's military academies, and officials say they want to create a greater comfort level for victims to come forward. The Defense Department released annual reports from the Naval Academy, West Point and the Air Force Academy about efforts to reduce sexual misconduct. [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/washington/18brfs-sexualassaul\\_brf.html?ref=us](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/washington/18brfs-sexualassaul_brf.html?ref=us)

**Reported sex crime falls at military academies** (Baltimore Sun). Sexual crime remains an under-reported problem at the Naval Academy and other military service schools, where cadets and midshipmen are acknowledging unwanted sexual contact in smaller numbers than in past years, according to a Defense Department survey expected to be released this week. Shortcut to: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/nation/bal-academies1217,0,6970924.story>

**Rising AFA sexual assault reports 'encouraging'** (Colorado Springs Gazette). The [Air Force Academy](#) had more reported sexual assaults in the past school year than the Naval Academy or the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, according to the Pentagon's annual report released Wednesday. [http://www.gazette.com/articles/sexual\\_45017\\_article.html/air\\_assaults.html](http://www.gazette.com/articles/sexual_45017_article.html/air_assaults.html)

**Sexual assaults underreported at service academies** (Examiner). Though reports of sexual assaults at the major service academies have dropped, military officials believe far more aren't being disclosed, according to a report released Wednesday. [http://www.examiner.com/a-1750432~Sexual\\_assaults\\_underreported\\_at\\_service\\_academies.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-1750432~Sexual_assaults_underreported_at_service_academies.html)

**Guard taking on sexual assault through support, education** (ANG News). As part of an overall Department of Defense policy, the National Guard is engaged in reducing acts of sexual assault and providing support for its victims. <http://www.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123128466>

**Study is seen to suggest victims 'reluctance to seek help** Baltimore Sun, Sexual crime remains an under-reported problem at the Naval Academy and other military service schools, where cadets and midshipmen are acknowledging ...

**National Briefing | Washington Sexual Assaults at Military Academies** New York Times, By AP The Pentagon believes only about 10 percent of sexual assaults are being reported at the nation's military academies, and officials say they want to ...

**Sexual assaults underreported at service academies** Examiner.com By BRIAN

WITTE, AP WASHINGTON (Map, News) - Though reports of sexual assaults at the major service academies have dropped ...

**Service Academy Gender Relations Survey Released** US Department of Defense (press release), DC - The department conducts this congressionally-mandated study every two years at the US Military Academy, the US Naval Academy, and the US Air Force Academy..

**Defense Officials Address Sexual Assault Reporting Issues** Media Newswire (press release), NY. WASHINGTON. Three years of data and study have helped Defense Department officials determine that unreported occurrences -- not frequency.

**What is Being Done About Rape in the Military?** (KUOW NEWS) . Women serving in the U.S. military today are more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire in Iraq." That's a quote from Congresswoman Jane Harman, a California Democrat.  
<http://kuow.org/program.php?id=16522>